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## Bo Case Finish & Paint



Bo Case and a representative from Sherwin Williams will discuss various aspects of the Finish and Paint process at the November chapter meeting. Please see article on page 4 for background information. The meeting is:

**November 10, 7:00 PM, Pike Hall,  
Collin County Community College,  
McKinney, Texas**



## Chili Cookoff 2005

By Patti Morris

The Annual Chili Cookoff, held on Saturday, October 22nd was a great success! Sixteen cooks arrived by land or air with their steaming pots of chili ready to be judged by all. Everyone appeared to enjoy sampling all the chili entries and feasting on all the wonderful homemade desserts. The weather couldn't have been nicer - the best we've ever had for this event, I'm told! We had 16 entries and about 100 people in attendance at the event.



Here are the winners (as pictured left to right) and the names of their chili:

- 1st Place: Dave Flunker - "9 Pepper Chili"  
2nd Place: Chuck & Mary Godber - "Bowl of Red"  
3rd Place: David Pittman - "No Name Chili"  
Honorable Mention:  
Dave & Carol Godber - "Meat Lovers' Chili"  
People's Choice:  
Dave & Carol Godber - "Meat Lovers' Chili"

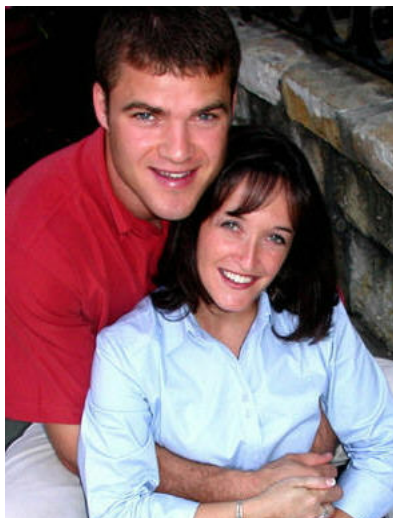
I'd like to personally thank all the volunteers that pitched in to make this event a success! All of your hard work was much appreciated and I thank you for helping to make this an enjoyable event for all. A big thanks goes to Pete Huff for the use of his hangar, and the to judges Dave Seymour (former chapter president), Jill Williams (99's chapter president), and Enid Kaspar (FAA Dallas FSDO). I'd also like to express our gratitude to Wingspoint Aviation for contributing several of the prizes awarded to the cookoff winners. Their continued help and support of our Chapter is invaluable, and I know we will all do whatever we can to show our appreciation.



**Judges Dave Seymour, Jill Williams, and Enid Kaspar**

## Chapter 1246 Member Profile

Submitted by Susan Cowan



**Kal and Jennifer Kelly**

**Name:** Kal Kelley

**Nickname:** My mom called me Kally Wal, but other than that, I have never had one. Guess my name is short enough already?

**Place of Birth:** Deer Lodge, Montana (between Yellowstone and Glacier Park on I-90)

**Family:** Wife Jennifer. We married in November of 2003. We dated in high school, and after five

years of college without her, I wised up and came back to Texas to marry her. She is a kindergarten teacher in Wylie at Dodd Elementary. She is in her third year there. Her class is much better this year, which has increased my quality of life dramatically! She was my first passenger in a Beech Muskeeter Sport. Gutsy then and gutsy now. She has been a wonderful addition to the cockpit of our Beech Sierra. Her radio skills are skyrocketing, and she knows how to stay out of P-49 when visiting her folks south of Waco. A smile even squeaks in amongst her concerned looks now and again. She also hasn't let me land gear up, yet. Keep it up, Babe.

**Occupation:** Medical student at UT Southwestern in Dallas. The school and Parkland Hospital have a long relationship. Most of my clinical training has occurred at Parkland with a few clinical rotations at the Dallas VA. The Parkland ER can get crazy. I like flying, but don't ever want to be the poor soul that is tied down on a stretcher in the back of Care Flight. God bless those that are. On a lighter note over 17,000 babies took their first breath at Parkland last year, more than in any other hospital in the nation. 1 out of every 25 Texans was born there and 1 out of every 250 Americans was born there! School is nasty, but the patients at Parkland have taught me a lot, and I will be indebted to them for my entire career.

**If I had the perfect job, I'd be** a rancher. I was born on a cattle ranch but unfortunately have not remained. There is not a better life. The serenity of the outdoors is unbeatable, and even the hard work makes me feel good.

**I fly a** Beechcraft Sierra.

**I became interested in aviation because/when** – It was before I left Montana in 1988 so I had to be younger than 9 years old. My Uncle Ron loaded me and my two older brothers into a Citabria (it only has two seats as you know). Ron sat up front, my two brothers behind him, and I sat in the

baggage compartment behind the second seat. With no seat belt and a couple of pillows to sit on, it was a great ride we all enjoyed. My uncle is also an aerobatic pilot, and I have had the pleasure to see the world upside down. He ruined every Six Flags roller coaster there is as nothing can match flying upside down. Ron also answered my request to fly as a junior in college. He was my instructor and has made flying possible for me. He is also the only reason I am flying the beautiful aircraft I am. Thanks Ron.

**My favorite place to eat is** my dinner table with chicken and dumplings or potato soup. I don't like to eat out. I don't appreciate the routine of being seated, ordering, being waited on, and paying for the bill. I'd rather be at home with Jennifer and friends.

**If I had a month off, I'd** – I have December off, but I'll be interviewing for residency, so that doesn't really count. But I also get March off and Jen and I are running a marathon in Napa Valley. I think it will be fun.

**If money was no problem, I'd buy** Jennifer a house.

**My fantasy vacation would be** to go back to my honeymoon in Playa del Carmen on the Yucatan Peninsula. Jennifer only, thank you very much.

**The last book I read was** Clinical Radiology made ridiculously simple. Couldn't put it down, yuck!!

**My favorite all time book/movie is** The Horse Whisperer.

**My hero is** my mom. She raised 4 awesome kids on her own.

**My greatest aviation experience was** talking with "Bartles and James". They were brothers. "Bartles" was a WWII vet who piloted B-52's and he claims his certificate has a Wright brother signature on it. His brother died at 98 but was a faithful copilot. "Bartles" is younger but not a whole lot, and lives by the mantra, "Life ain't worth living if you can't fly." I can't reveal too much information or I'll get him in trouble, but if you are ever in the north country look out for "Bartles" because he doesn't use his radio, and he doesn't see real well.

**The thing people don't know about me is** I am only in Texas until June 2006. My wife and I plan to return to the northwest to finish up my training. In the year I have remaining I hope to join you at chapter meetings and events. I enjoyed my first, the Aero Country pancake breakfast.

**I'd like to be remembered as** giving back as much as has been given to me.



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## Holiday Party December 8<sup>th</sup>

By Tom Mitchell

Come one, come all to the 2005 EAA Chapter 1246 Holiday Party. Don't forget to put the best EAA event of the year on your calendar. It's time to relax and enjoy yourself after a busy year of working and volunteering. The festivities begin on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at **Eldorado Country Club**. If you don't know how to get to Eldorado Country Club, don't worry, it's at 2604 Country Club Road, just north and west of the intersection of 75 and Eldorado Blvd in McKinney.

We'll have a cash bar that will be open starting at 6:30, and a delicious buffet-style dinner will be served at 7 pm. The entertainment will begin after dinner. We're thinking up some cool, new, entertaining ideas, so be prepared to have a great time and win some fantastic prizes. This is one party you do not want to miss.

Also, at this year's Holiday Party we're raffling off a really high-quality EAA leather jacket, and an excellent SR 71 painting, donated and signed by Ret. Col. Richard Graham. If you don't get a chance to buy your raffle tickets at the November meeting, you can buy them at the Holiday Party. Raffle tickets are \$3 each and 6 for \$15.



We'll need an accurate count for dinner, so please let us know if you plan to attend by December 1<sup>st</sup>. You can either make your reservations in person at the November meeting or contact Patti Morris by email at [patti@morris-systems.com](mailto:patti@morris-systems.com) (972-378-5699) and you can either pay when you make your reservation or pay at the event. The cost for the holiday party is \$15/person or \$30/couple for all members. Non-members and additional guests are \$25/person.

*Hope to see you all there !*



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## Holiday Party Airplane Photos

By Tom Mitchell

For the EAA Chapter 1246 Holiday Party, we're looking for a few great photos. I know all of you have one—or a hundred. I'm talking about photos of your airplane. Yes, that's right. I need photos of your 'baby.' The photos have to be of the airplane only, no people, in JPEG format because we're going to showcase them at the Holiday Party. Send the photos to [tom@origtech.com](mailto:tom@origtech.com).

Also, from now until December 8<sup>th</sup>, pay attention to what kind of airplane everyone else is flying because if you can match the airplanes to the pilots, you'll be able to win some great prizes.



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## Holiday Party Raffle

By Susan Wilson

To raise money for a writing contest at McKinney High School and for our meeting room, we are raffling off 2 prizes at this year's Holiday party on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to be present to win. Prizes include an SR-71 limited edition oil painting signed by Col. Richard Graham (Ret. USAF & SR-71 pilot) and an EAA Leather Jacket which is embroidered with an eagle on the back and the phrase "Vision of Eagles." The leather jacket is size XL and is made of "broken in" very soft brown leather. The raffle tickets are \$3 each or \$15 for six tickets. Please note the green tickets are for the SR-71 painting and the red tickets are for the leather jacket. You may mail the tickets to Susan Wilson, 8308 Cardiff Circle, Plano, TX 75025 or give them to Susan or Tom Mitchell at the November meeting.

Good luck and thanks for supporting your chapter!



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### Holiday Party Raffle Prize

## The Untouchable By Philip West

The SR-71 Blackbird is the world's fastest and highest flying jet aircraft. For over 23 years, the SR-71s gathered highly classified intelligence around the world for the President of the United States, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Pentagon and other governmental agencies, allowing them to make crucial political and military decisions during the Cold War.

At Mach 3+ cruising speed, the SR-71's leading edges heat up to over 600 degrees F, where the outside air temperature is already at a -60 degree F. In September 1975 the SR-71 set a world speed record from New York City to London in one hour, 55 minutes. When the SR-71 was delivered to the National Air & Space Museum in 1990, it set a Coast-to-Coast record, flying from Los Angeles, California to Washington, D.C. in 64 minutes 20 seconds.

Each print in Philip West's Limited Edition, The Untouchable, is signed by former SR-71 and U-2 pilot Colonel Richard Graham (USAF Ret). Size: 28" x 20".

Edition: 350 - SR 71 Blackbird taking off



## Meeting Speaker - Bo CASE

By Bo Case

My only memory of flying or aircraft as a child was a J-3 that flew across our farm once a month checking out the pipeline. I started skydiving right out of high school and took 135 rides before I rode one of those noisy, vibrating, hitting on 3 cylinder contraptions to the ground. All of our tractors ran much better than any airplane I had been around.

Now it is a different story. I don't mind flying anything that shakes, rattles and rolls. With over 2500 hours of ultralight time, a thousand hours of home built and spam can time, a couple of flights in an F111, some jet and turbine time, there is no turning back.. My tractor still runs better except for the jets.

Homebuilt aircraft have become a big part of my life. For several years I was a hired gun and built several Avid Flyers, Kitfoxes, a fiberglass jet, AeroComp Seven turbine, and helped about a hundred fellow homebuilders complete their projects. After the turbine project I bought a paint shop from Billy Carter, who painted airplanes for 25 or so years around the area. Billy passed away several weeks ago. I turned my business toward homebuilts. I painted several RV6 type aircraft. I have a Glassair in the shop now, and plan on sticking with these type of airplanes. My fondest memories of the past 25 years in aviation is teaching all kinds of folks to fly ultralights in Boise, ID. I'd sell someone an airplane, start flying in the two-seater, kick their butt with more ground school than a private pilot would get, help them build their plane, see them solo their own plane, and kick them out into the sky. **NOW THATS FUN!**



## Reklaw 2005

By Gary Kirby

Four hundred and four pilots in command flew into the "Flying M Ranch" at Reklaw, Texas for the 22nd annual fly-in hosted by Dave Mason. This is the second largest attendance in the history of the event. Volunteers from four EAA Chapters provided the help required to make this fly-in run smoothly. Thanks to Calvin Coffee of Chapter 1246 for his help in parking aircraft in the "overflow" area. The first accident in 22 years occurred when a RV-6A pilot got in a little hurry by putting his nose gear on the ground first during landing, the gear dug in and the plane went over on its back. Neither the pilot or passenger were injured. Fire and EMS crews on site were at the scene in a very few minutes. We closed the field for about 25 minutes while several planes circled overhead. The star of the show was a Russian AN2 Biplane that made "high speed" runs of 90 mph, gave tours of the aircraft and several rides to people who asked for them. Mark your calendar for the 4th weekend in October for the 23rd annual "Reklaw Fly-In" in 2006.



## LOE5 – Really Nice!

By Dick Flunker

**Fun! Fun!**

If you like being around a bunch of RV's, an excellent War Eagles Air Museum, and a whole bunch of



very nice folks, then the **2005 Land of Enchantment RV Fly-in** was definitely the place to be. The Dona Anna County Airport (near El Paso) in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, hosted the event organized by chapter member Red Marron, Doug Reeves, and Larry Vetterman. Despite the threatening weather there were people and planes representing both coasts and several of the northern most states.

This is a laid back, look at and talk planes kind of an event. The beverage truck comes out at 5 PM on both Friday and Saturday to provide additional focus to the social aspect.



**War Eagles Air Museum**

About the only organized event at this fly-in is the banquet on Saturday night, and the main event at the banquet is the raffle. This year Doug Reeves gathered raffle prizes valued at \$14,000 - and you had to be present to win. All the prizes are donated, and 100% of the ticket sales are split between 2 local charities. The big prize this year was a Garmin 396, which certainly helped drive the ticket sales.



**Red Marron (left) receives award for coordinating the RV Fly-ins.**

The two charities will split the \$9,000+ that was raised. Half will go to the Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home in El Paso and the other half will go to the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.



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Notes/Comments/Projects:

Membership dues are \$20 per year due Jan 1. New memberships pro-rated to Jan 1. Make checks payable to **EAA Chapter 1246**.

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